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REPORTS OF MEETINGS

April 28. The Society was called to order by the president with the following members present: E. W. Berger, E. K. Bynum, H. S. Davis, P. W. Fattig, K. S. Lamb, G. B. Merrill, Wilmon Newell, F. M. O'Byrne, Frank Stirling, O. T. Stone, J. R. Watson, A. C. Brown. Visitors: F. N. Cellon, Miss Evelyn Osborn.

Under "Timely Notes" Mr. Stirling exhibited specimens of the large luminous elater of the West Indies, *Pyrophorus noctilucus*, taken from the mails by the quarantine department at Key West. The large luminous areas on the sides of the prothorax gave off a light sufficient for reading a newspaper. Mr. Stirling exhibited a drone trap filled with drones captured at the entrance to one of his hives.

Mr. Stirling read a paper on "Birds as Plant Preservers", pointing out the great value of birds in keeping down insect pests and in destroying the seeds of weeds.

Prof. Watson gave a brief talk on The Cuban Citrus Thrips, *Frankliniella insularis*.

May 26. The meeting was called to order by Pres. O'Byrne. The following new members were elected: Miss Evelyn Osborn, assistant entomologist in the Experiment Station, and G. F. Mosnette, in charge of the Laboratory for the Study of Insects of Sub-tropical Fruits Other than Citrus, U. S. Bur. Ent., Miami.

P. W. Fattig gave the paper of the evening on "Grasshoppers", drawing largely from his experience while connected with the anti-grasshopper campaign in North Dakota. He stated that he had collected 47 species in the Gainesville region.

Under "Timely Notes" Dr. Berger exhibited specimens of an unidentified beetle boring in citrus. He stated that it is the first time he has had any experience with borers injuring citrus but has understood that there was considerable injury after the great freeze. Prof. Watson, as the member of the committee for Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas, announced that the Ecological Society of America desired information concerning tracts of land which should be preserved in their natural condition for the study of their peculiar fauna and flora. He also announced considerable damage to peanuts by thrips at Oldsmar. E. K. Bynum reported having found a severe infestation at Moore Haven.

The Secretary called attention to a monograph on the Ameri-

can species of the genus *Catocala* (Moths) by Barnes and McDunnough which had been presented to the Society by the American Museum of Natural History.

H. S. DAVIS, Sec'y.

June 23. Meeting called to order by Pres. O'Byrne. Visitors present were Dr. C. F. Hodge, instructor in nature study in the summer school; Mr. W. L. Goethe, principal of the Eustis schools; Miss Ora Hiatt and Mr. J. C. Holton, both of Gainesville, Fla.

The paper of the evening on "Spiders" was read by Miss Evelyn Osborn. This was illustrated by specimens of some of the more common species of spiders of the Gainesville region.

Under "Timely Notes" Dr. Hodge mentioned the success which his fly trap is meeting.

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